

INSPECTIONS AND APPEALS DEPARTMENT[481]

Notice of Intended Action

**Proposing rule making related to governor's award for quality care
and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The Inspections and Appeals Department hereby proposes to amend Chapter 54, "Governor's Award for Quality Care," Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rule Making

This rule making is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code sections 10A.104 and 135C.20B(2).

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rule making implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code sections 10A.104, 17A.7(2) and 135C.20B(2).

Purpose and Summary

The Department completed a review of Chapter 54 in accordance with the requirement in Iowa Code section 17A.7(2). This proposed rule making amends rule 481—54.8(135C) to provide flexibility in the presentation of the Governor's Award for Quality Care.

Fiscal Impact

This rule making has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rule making would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Department for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 481—Chapter 6.

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written comments concerning this proposed rule making. Written comments in response to this rule making must be received by the Department no later than 4:30 p.m. on January 3, 2023. Comments should be directed to:

Ashleigh Hackel
Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals
Lucas State Office Building
321 East 12th Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50319
Email: ashleigh.hackel@dia.iowa.gov

Public Hearing

No public hearing is scheduled at this time. As provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)"b," an oral presentation regarding this rule making may be demanded by 25 interested persons, a governmental

subdivision, the Administrative Rules Review Committee, an agency, or an association having 25 or more members.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rule making by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rule making at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rule-making action is proposed:

Amend rule 481—54.8(135C) as follows:

481—54.8(135C) Certificate of recognition. Prior to the final selection of facilities, representatives from the department will tour all facilities still in contention to determine the winners. Each winning facility will receive a certificate in recognition of its designation as a quality health care provider. The winning facilities shall be announced and recognized annually ~~at the governor's conference on aging.~~